

REMARKS

Claims 1-48 remain pending in the application. Claims 4-5, 10, 14, 19-22, 25-26, 28-29, 34-36, 40, and 44-48 have been amended.

Claims 1-43 were allowed.

The Examiner objected to various claims due to noted informalities. Applicant has amended the claims to overcome these objections.

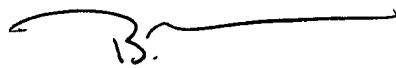
Claim 44 stands objected to under 37 CFR 1.75. Claim 44 has been amended to overcome this objection.

Claims 45-48 stood rejected under 35 USC §112, 2nd paragraph. Applicant has rewritten Claim 45, and believes the amended claim complies with 35 USC §112, 2nd paragraph.

In light of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants submit that all pending claims are now in condition for allowance, and an early notice to that effect is earnestly solicited. If a phone interview would speed allowance of any pending claims, such is requested at the Examiner's convenience.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Meyertons, Hood, Kivlin, Kowert & Goetzel, P.C. Deposit Account No. 501505\5681-79800.

Respectfully submitted,



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